

State of Washington
Department of Ecology
Yakima Washington

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR CHANGE)
FILED BY STIMSON LANE LTD. REQUESTING TO)
CHANGE THE PLACE OF USE AND POINT OF) Emergency Drought
DIVERSION OF A PORTION OF THE WATER USE) Change Authorization
UNDER SURFACE WATER PERMIT 14583)
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In accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.83B.405, on March 14, 2001, it was ordered and determined by the Director of the Department of Ecology that the State of Washington is under drought conditions. In accordance with the provisions of WAC 176-166-060, the Department of Ecology is under the terms of this Order, issuing an EMERGENCY DROUGHT CHANGE AUTHORIZATION. The intent of this authorization is to alleviate hardships and reduce the burdens on water users arising from the drought conditions.

Background

On May 21, 2001, Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District filed an application to transfer a portion of an existing water right in Okanogan County to property owned by David Weaver adjacent to the Columbia River in Douglas County. The water right on the Weaver property is subject to interruption under the Columbia River Instream Resources Protection Program, WAC 173-563.

Similkameen River Adjudicated Certificate 2

Similkameen River Adjudicated Certificate 2 was issued to the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District (OTID) and authorizes the irrigation of 10,000 acres of irrigation from a diversion on the Similkameen River located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 7, T. 40 N., R. 26 E.W.M. The season of use under this Certificate is April 1 through October 15 each year.

10 acres of among 3 different parcels will be left fallow this year and it is proposed that this amount of irrigation be transferred downriver to the David Weaver property in Douglas County.

The parcels that will not be irrigated this year are as follows:

Vic Elmore	4.6 acres	parcel # 8848000020
Roy McDougall	2.46 acres	parcel # 6450050012
Jon Avis	2.4 acres	parcel nos. 3927270033 and 3927280031

David Weaver Property and Permit S4-29754

The Weaver property is located approximately five miles south of the town of Orondo, Washington in Douglas County. Surface Water Permit S4-29754 authorizes the diversion of 0.178 cfs (80 gpm), 40 ac-ft/year for the irrigation of 10 acres. This right is provisioned with instream flows for the Columbia River.

The source of this right is a diversion point on the Columbia River located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, T. 24 N., R. 21 E.W.M.

Conclusions and Decision

Authorizing these changes of water rights downriver along the Similkameen, Okanogan, and Columbia Rivers will not impair existing water rights.

This **DROUGHT EMERGENCY CHANGE DECISION** authorizes the transfer of 10 acres of irrigation under Similkameen River Adjudicated Certificate 2 to lands in Douglas County described as follows:

10 acres within the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (except the west 200 feet) of Section 19, T. 24 N., R. 21 E.W.M.

A water duty of 0.2 cfs and 40 acre feet is authorized for use on the property.

The point of diversion is the existing pump station on the Columbia River located within SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, T. 24 N., R. 21 E.W.M.

The following provisions shall apply to this change authorization:


A measuring device approved by the Department of Ecology must be installed prior to use of the water.

Bi-weekly (every 2 weeks) readings of the measuring device shall be recorded and shall include the date and time of measurement, water flow rate, volume of water, and the name of the person taking the meter readings. Within 30-days of the end of this irrigation season, the permittee shall send a copy of this data to the Central Regional Office.

A map of the new place of use showing the specific 10 acres that will not be irrigated as a result of this temporary emergency drought authorization shall be submitted to Ecology's Central Regional Office within 15 days of the date of receipt of this authorization.

This drought emergency authorization expires on October 15th, 2001.


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